

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 3/7/13

PRESENT: Co-Chair Juli Brazile, Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, DPW Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Erica Riddington, Eve Isenberg, Sue Stamps, Secretary Pete Howard

RECYCLING COORDINATOR REPORT/TONNAGE No tonnage update figures. Charlotte provided a new report sheet (Ref 1) which shows the annual tonnage in trash, recycling, yard waste & e-waste in both table & chart. the FY13 data in year-to-date. The report also shows a table of ARC expenses. She is working on a Styrofoam flyer. Dallin is starting cafeteria recycling. Charlotte also provided a EcoFest flyer (Ref 2).

UPDATES-Ongoing Projects

BUSINESS RECYCLING: The group discussed ways to move this seemingly stalled project. Juli will try to get a date for an agreement between DPW & DoH.

E-WASTE Charlotte reported that the cost for an extra 4hr CCD e-waste-only collection would be \$624 for DPW staff. Conflict w/ PTO & Fidelity House collections is a concern. Perhaps the ARC could coordinate and provide a list of certified collectors. No decision.

There is some uncertainty about the meaning of e-waste. To the DPW the "e" in e-waste means electric which includes small house hold appliances w/ plugs and battery powered devices (w/o the battery). There is a need to publicize the DPW program

In a related issue, elders may be unable to move large electric appliances. This is a community service opportunity for Scouts. Juli to follow up.

PRESENTATION TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Juli reviewed her outline (Ref 3) for a brief pitch to the BoS. on 3/11. She intends to use her donut chart (See last month's minutes) to focus attention on reducing trash in order to meet the 50% goal This means getting many things out of the trash stream. She will describe the Brackett School cafeteria recycling/composting program using the weights provided by Erica: 85 lb/day (including 10 lb/day recyclables)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Juli provided a list. Sue volunteered to be the ARC liaison to the Chamber of commerce. Other opportunities:

- Advocate articles on recycling
- Ottoson cafeteria recycling
- Elementary school progress publicity

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS (Not addressed above)

- Letter to Governor - Follow-up w/ other communities
- Recycling Promotion Articles
- Recycling Bin Map
- Spring CCD
- School Cafeteria Recycling
- Plastic film recycling

FUTURE MEETINGS - 4/4/13 First Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Annex unless otherwise announced.

Ref 1 Recycling Coordinator Report

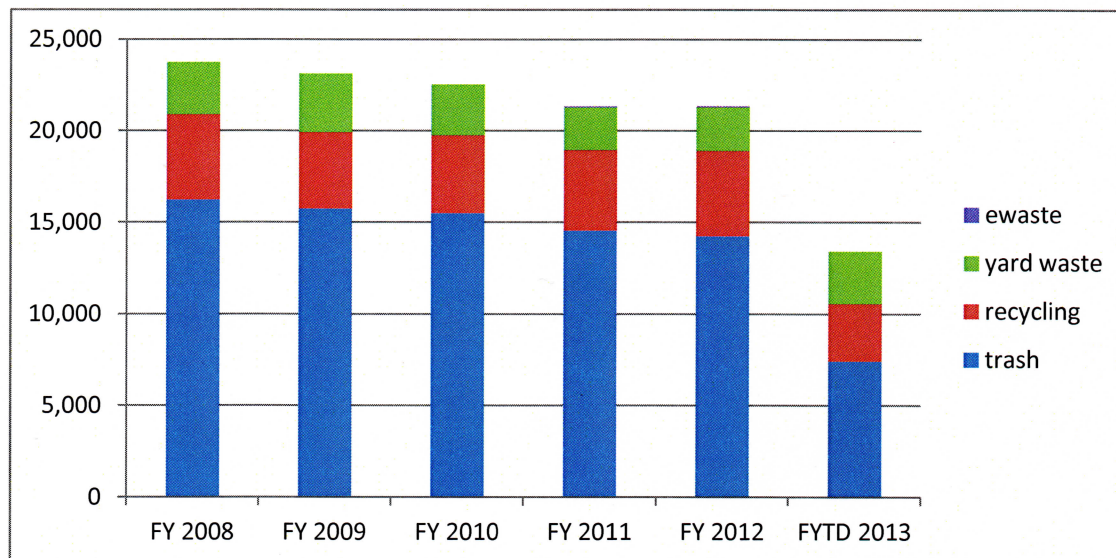
Ref 2 EcoFest Flyer

Ref 3 Presentation Outline

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Arlington MA
Municipal Solid Waste Content and Tonage

	trash	recycling	yard waste	ewaste	MSW tons per household (22,607 hhds)	
FY 2008	16,232	4639	2881		FY 2008	0.72
FY 2009	15,740	4165	3216		FY 2012	0.63
FY 2010	15,493	4244	2799		Mass MSW Master Plan Goals	
FY 2011	14,538	4395	2332	72	baseline MSW	16,232 tons
FY 2012	14,248	4652	2381	68	30% by 2020	10,875 tons
FYTD 2013	7,417	3147	2869		50% by 2050	8,116 tons



Recycling Committee Expenses			
Date	Purchase	Cost	Balance
1-Jul-12	Starting balance		\$3,000
17-Nov-12	Community Collection Day snack reimburse to TD	?	
6-Mar-13	AHS Gilbert and Sullivan program	40	about \$2960

Ref 2

EcoFest

***EcoFootprints:
Arlington's People, Places, Spaces***

Saturday, March 23, 2013

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Arlington Town Hall, 730 Mass. Ave

10:00 am Family Music Concert

Judy Pancoast

11:00 am Speaker

Meg Muckenhaupt

All day

Trashformations

The Art of Recycling Competition

Vote for your favorites!

Questions?

www.arlingtonma.gov/ecofest

781-858-8629

Outline of Presentation to the Board of Selectmen
March 11, 2013

We want to share a few things with you about the state of recycling in our town.

There has been a dramatic drop in the amount of trash we send to the incinerator and this chart is our projection of how the current fiscal year will look.

I didn't want to get too hung up on the charts and graphs, but I can also report that recycling is up and yard waste is up. That means we are saving money by not burning things that shouldn't be in our trash and can easily be picked up curbside.

The next chart shows the major components of municipal waste. The big red area is the trash we burn and we pay by the ton to burn it. Recycling and Yard Waste are in blue and green. We have a tiny sliver for white goods - appliances.

Our goal as a community should be to get the red section - trash we burn - down to half of our total. That statistic is often referred to as "diversion" and the simple idea we want to plant in people's heads is that anything we can keep out of the trash barrels - anything we divert away from the incinerator - saves the town money.

- Composting kitchen waste.
- Dropping off household items like toasters at DPW during office hours or at our big Saturday collection days twice a year.
- Clothes and books can go in bins around town.
- Taking packing peanuts to a store that accepts them to re-use.

Getting to our goal of 50% will mean a lot of people thinking about how they can help and trying new things. The committee will be exploring ideas like organizing ways to collect big stuff like mattresses and sofas. We know that elementary schools are working on lunchroom recycling and the Brackett school has a group of dedicated parents who are composting lunch waste and have diverted _____ from the trash in the past year.

We have found a company that can recycle some kinds of Styrofoam and since burning something that can be recycled is frustrating for the eco-conscious among us, we will have a Styrofoam collection in May at our community collection day. The list of items they take is very specific, so please check the website so as not to ruin the recycling process. But people who want to start collecting can set aside a corner of their basement or garage now and we'll see if we can fill up a dumpster on May ____.

Finally, we have our town Eco-Fest in a couple of weeks - on March 23 - and we encourage people to want to learn more about composting to drop by. The theme this year is